

T O T H E

*GENTLEMEN, CLERGY, and FREEHOLDERS of the
COUNTY of YORK.*

AT a Time when the worst of Causes is supported by the worst of Means, that is, by the most malicious and groundless of all Calumnies, we beg Leave to declare to you and to the World, that we are, and ever have been, Friends to Monarchy, and that as such, we can be no Friends to any other than a limited Monarchy, because no other can subsist in this Country, with Honour and Safety to the King and to the People.

We are true Friends to the Gracious Prince upon the Throne, and because we are so, we cannot wish to rest his Power upon any other Foundation, than that on which it has firmly stood ever since the Accession of his illustrious Family.

We offer ourselves to your service on these Principles at a trying Crisis, when a Parliament has been dissolved with the greatest Inconvenience to all public Business, avowedly in support of the unconstitutional Principle and Practice of employing the Name of the Sovereign to influence the Voices of Members of Parliament, and afterwards his Power to animadvert on them for their Conduct in that Place, and in that Capacity, contrary to the clearest Principles of the Constitution, and to the least disputed Rights and Privileges of Parliament, and with a direct Tendency to subvert thereby the Liberties of the People of this Kingdom.

It will ever be our Pride to be the Choice of a People, who wish us to act with Independence and Spirit against all corrupt Influence and Intimidation from Power, and who will not call upon us to change our Opinions of Measures according to the Situation of Men.

We assure you, that if we have the Honour of becoming the Objects of your Choice, no sinister Interest shall make us swerve from those Maxims, which have made this Nation Free and Glorious from the Revolution down to this Hour.

It is upon this Ground, and upon this Ground only, that we wish for your Favour and support, for we are not ambitious of making any Part of a House of Commons, chosen for the Purpose of surrendering up those Rights and Privileges for which your Ancestors have so often shed their Blood.

We have the Honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient humble Servants,

F. F. FOLJAMBE,

W. WEDDELL.

YORK, April 2, 1784.

We hope the Shortness of the Time will plead a sufficient Apology for not having waited upon you in Person.